IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicants: David Hands, et al.

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. Sun Jae Y. Loewe

For : PROCESS FOR THE SYNTHESIS OF 5[[2(R)-[1(R)-

[3,5-BIS(TRIFLUOROMETHYL)PHENYL]ETHOXY]-3(S)-(4-FLUOROPHENYL)-4-MORPHOLINYL]-

METHYL]1,2-DIHYDRO-3H-1,2,4-TRIAZOL-3-ONE

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Official action of November 6, 2008, for which a response is due by February 6, 2009, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks. This response is being submitted on April 6, 2009, and is accompanied by a Petition for a 2-month Extension of Time. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Any additional fees associated with this Response may be charged to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755. Please amend this application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this response. Remarks begin on page 8 of this response.